



## YOUTH & RECREATION REGISTRATION FAQ'S

### How do I find events in my area?

[Click here](#) to customize your event search by radius, zip code, dates etc.

### How do I register for an event?

Programs can easily register themselves for events this season. Go to [myvarsity.com](http://myvarsity.com) to register. All programs will register themselves and can accept the terms and conditions. If you need additional help, please email Lura Fleece at [lfleece@varsity.com](mailto:lfleece@varsity.com).

### When do I register and when is payment due?

There is an early registration deadline and an on-time deadline. When you register will determine what rate you receive, these deadlines are located on the Varsity Spirit Competition Search by event. Payment deadlines for events vary, but most are about a week before the event. The terms and conditions for each event will confirm this information.

### How often will the upcoming competition schedule be updated?

Updates regarding the upcoming competition season schedule will be available every two weeks.

### Virtual Events

When are the fall virtual competition series events?

Virtual Competition Series I | 10/24/2020

Virtual Competition Series II | 10/31/2020

Virtual Competition Series III | 11/7/2020

Virtual Competition Series IV | 11/14/2020

Virtual Competition Series V | 11/21/2020

Virtual Competition Series VI | 12/5/2020

Virtual Competition Series VII | 12/12/2020

When are the Recreational Virtual Challenges?

Recreational Virtual Challenge I | 1/13/2021

Recreational Virtual Challenge II | 1/20/2021

Recreational Virtual Challenge III | 2/17/2021

Recreational Virtual Challenge IV | 2/24/2021

### How do I register for a virtual event?

[Click here](#) to register!

### How does it work?

Each week, registered teams will receive an email with a link to the applicable Varsity TV video uploader and keyword to use for filming routines. Once this information is sent, teams will have a 6 day window to record their video and submit it, following the uploader steps provided. At the close of submissions, routines will be available to watch for all subscribers on Varsity TV. Varsity All Star Certified Judges will score routines in our



Simple Score system and teams will receive standard scoresheets and feedback. Awards will take place for FREE the following week on Varsity TV.

**What is the timeline for registering and uploading videos for the virtual events?**

Teams must register 2 weeks in advance and upload video 6 days prior to the event.

**Can athletes “mark” the stunting portion of the routine?**

Athletes may “mark” the routine where stunts/pyramids are placed. This will require you to move to the Non Building division.

**What waiver is used for virtual events?**

[Click here](#) for the electronic waiver to send to parents.

**How do we qualify for an End-of-Season event at the virtual events?**

Teams that compete in 2 or more of the Virtual Challenges in bid eligible divisions can earn PARTIAL-PAID Bids to The Quest Recreational Championship.

[Click here to view detailed bid information.](#)

**How do people watch the event?**

Varsity TV will host this event and one-month subscription will be given to a coach of each registered team. All Varsity TV subscribers will be able to watch the event in its entirety. The awards will be FREE to all viewers on Varsity TV.

## **DIVISIONS AND SCORING**

**What is the difference between Affiliated Vs. Non-Affiliated?**

**Affiliated:** The program must be affiliated with, report to, and be governed by an organization such as; YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, City/County Parks and Recreational Program, American Youth Cheer, Pop Warner Association, or other community run program not associated with All Star. Each team must cheer for a sport during the 2020-2021 cheer season.

**Non-Affiliated:** Organization may be independent of town/city organization/clubs. The team does not necessarily cheer for a sports program. The team is not affiliated with an All Star program and must have their own identity- uniforms that do not represent an all star organization and a separate account with Varsity Spirit.

**What happens if my team is not allowed to cheer for our affiliated program this season due to COVID-19?**

Teams must provide a 2019 game schedule and verify that the group is still affiliated with the governing body.

**Traditional vs. Performance**

Traditional and Performance routines may be performed on a spring or foam floor. Check with your event producer to determine what type of floor will be used at the competition.



Traditional: Routines must consist of cheer & music combination.  
Routine Max: 2 minutes 30 seconds. Music max: 1minute 30 seconds.

Performance: Routines must consist of a minimum of an 8-count chant & music combination.  
Routine Max: 2 minutes 30 seconds.

### **Crossover Rules**

A Recreation Cheer athlete will not be allowed to compete on more than 2 cheer teams within their organization per competition. A participant may only represent one organization at a competition.

Exception for 2020-2021 – No more than 25% of your team may crossover from an All Star program at a particular event. An athlete should not compete more than 3 times on any given event day.

## **END OF SEASON EVENTS**

### **The Quest Recreational Championship**

Bids are being updated from canceled/rescheduled fall events, be sure to check varsity.com for the most updated [Bid Event Listing](#).

The Quest Recreational Championship is April 16-17, 2021.

### **US Finals**

Youth & Rec teams compete on Friday

All locations offer Rec divisions

No stay smart requirements

\$99 an athlete unless teams have a Gold Bid

[Click here](#) for more info!

### **PAPERWORK AND FORMS**

What forms do I need to compete?

For every event you attend you must have a [waiver](#) for every athlete.

[Rec Roster Form](#) – one per event (the event brand will ask for this information)

[USA Cheer Coach certification](#)

If I have USASF certification can I use that in place of USA Cheer membership? YES!

### **STAY SMART EVENTS**

There is a 100 mile stay smart exemption from your location to the venue.

Varsity Spirit uses Team Travel Source and Tournament Housing services.

[Travel Cancellation Convenience](#): \$9.99 fee to cancel prior 72 hours to check in.

[Click here to learn more about Stay Smart](#)



## **COVID-10 Competition FAQ's**

Safety remains our top priority, and we have a dedicated, experienced team focused on researching and developing a plan for each event. Below is what you can expect at all Varsity Spirit in-person competitions, at least through December 31, 2020.

Please note that the final details and schedules for any individual competition will be continuously monitored and may be adjusted, including making the competition virtual, if necessary. All guidelines are subject to change based on the CDC, federal, state, local and venue-specific guidance. We will communicate any changes to you as soon as they are confirmed. We appreciate your understanding of the flexibility this will require.

### **Is Varsity Spirit planning to host live events this season?**

The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, families & staff remains our top priority. We are hopeful to deliver live competitions that will adhere to all guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local authorities, as well as our event host partners when and where we can safely and responsibly do so.

### **If my program is unable to attend a live event, are there virtual competition options for us?**

For areas that are not able to have in person events, we have a virtual option for you. The Varsity All Star Virtual Competition Series presented by Varsity Footwear allows your program to start your season from home, while still getting the chance to earn bids to our End-of-Season Championships. All Star Elite, Prep, Novice, All Star Dance, Youth/Rec and International All Star Cheer teams that compete in Summit or Quest eligible divisions are welcome. [Click here](#) to learn more. More virtual options may be considered in the future.

### **If an event is canceled, or my local government no longer allows me to attend an in-person event, what are my options?**

Should a live event be cancelled, customers will have three options:

1. Request a full refund
2. Transfer funds to another live event within the 2020-2021 season
3. Transfer funds to a virtual event within the 2020-2021 season
  - Any remaining balance following a transfer to a virtual event can be either refunded or transferred to another live or virtual event within the 2020-2021 season
  - Transfer Policy below applies
    - Due to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus that could potentially lie ahead, Varsity All Star will allow 100% event-to-event transfers (team and individual athletes) at any time, to most Varsity All Star events within the 20-21 season.

### **When will we be notified if an in-person event is cancelled?**

We will rely on the official information from health authorities and local governments as it pertains to potentially hosting our live competitions. While things can change rapidly, all decisions for events will be made no less than two weeks prior for one day competitions and three weeks prior for two-day competitions. This plan will follow one of the options below.



## **What do the Options A, B, C or D mean?**

### Option A Events: In-Person with Physically Distanced Spectators

- Spectators will be allowed with physical distancing measures in place
- All teams will receive score sheets & rankings
- In-person awards ceremony with limited spectators, athletes and/or coaches
- Adjustable seating will be spaced to adhere to physical distancing guidelines, and this may result in less seating in the competition hall
- In venues with permanent/non-adjustable seating, seating will be appropriately marked, and spectators should adhere to physical distancing guidelines

### Option B Events: In-Person with Limited Spectators

- Spectator viewing limited to team performance time only
- Spectators will follow a moving queue and exit following their team's performance
- Physical distancing measures will be required. Direction signage will guide spectators and athletes throughout the venue
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Live awards ceremony with limited athletes and/or coaches, OR virtual awards ceremony

### Option C Events: In-Person with No Spectators and Virtual Awards

- Spectators not allowed; only athletes and coaches permitted
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

### Option D Events: Virtual Competition

- Virtual event hosted on Varsity TV
- Routines will be judged virtually by Varsity All Star Certified Judges
- All teams will receive score sheets and rankings
- Virtual awards ceremony for spectators, athletes and/or coaches

## **What is the time frame used if an event changes from Option A to B, or B to C, etc.?**

The event option currently planned is in the myVarsity competition portal and event information page on the website. Based on updated CDC, local, state or venue specific guidance, the event option may change up until the start of the event. If this happens, we will notify teams via email as quickly as possible, and our website will also be updated with the changes.

## **Will spectators need to purchase admission for Option A or B?**

Yes, spectator tickets will be available for purchase online (where applicable) prior to the event. The admission fees are listed on myVarsity competition portal under event information. Admission for certain events may also be available at the door, transactions may be limited to cashless.

## **If spectators purchase admission prior to attending an event, will a refund be offered if the event is cancelled?**

Absolutely. In the event that Varsity Spirit must cancel an event, a refund will be issued to anyone that pre-purchased a ticket. Processing fees will not be refunded.



### **What safety measures will be put in place at live events?**

Varsity Spirit's baseline safety standards for 2020 include:

- Physical distancing protocols will be in place and enforced
- Increased sanitization measures throughout venues, including enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitization stations and more frequent cleaning of performance surfaces
- Longer intervals between team practice and performance times and increased physical distancing throughout the practice and performance areas
- Face coverings will be required for everyone, except for athletes when on the practice and performance floors. There will be venues that athletes will be required to wear a face covering when practicing and performing.
- Spectators within the performance area will be limited (several options are being considered and may vary by competition)
- Awards ceremonies will be live with limited capacity (teams or coaches only) or completely virtual
- AccuSCORE will be spaced out and available at all Varsity All Star events. Partitions may be used to separate staff and AccuSCORE representatives from coaches
- All attendees (including coaches, athletes, spectators and Varsity Spirit staff) will be asked to monitor their own health prior to attending an event and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting themselves and others
- Coaches will be asked to review the [Varsity Spirit Competition COVID Rules](#) with anyone who is attending the event (coaches, athletes and spectators)

Varsity Spirit will adhere to restrictions on mass gatherings and capacity limitations based on local and venue guidelines. Because health, safety and distancing requirements vary across the country, the below may also vary by competition:

- Vendors may or may not be allowed on site to service an event, and safety measures and precautions may differ. For example, customers may not be able to touch or try on clothing before purchasing, and food may be limited to "grab and go" only and may only be eaten in designated areas.
- Spectator admission fees may be available only through advanced purchase or may be entirely cashless.
- Temperature checks for admission may be required based on local guidance.
- Managed traffic flow measures and signs will be implemented where required.

### **Will physical distancing be practiced during an in-person event?**

Physical distancing will be required based on state, local and venue guidance. Varsity Spirit personnel may give verbal instructions to athletes throughout the day on physical distancing requirements (6 feet separation, no touching, air hugs, air fives, etc.). Spotting/safety procedures should not be minimized due to social distancing.



**Will coaches, athletes or spectators be required to wear masks?**

Varsity Spirit will require anyone in attendance (coaches, athletes, parents, Varsity Spirit staff, etc.) 2 years old and older to wear a face covering at all times, except for athletes while on the practice and performance floor. There are some venues that will require athletes to wear a face covering when practicing and performing and coaches will be notified as soon as possible if this applies to an event you are registered for. Based on state or local guidance, the age for which masks are required may also vary. All attendees must provide their own face covering. Anyone without a face covering will not be allowed into the venue, and anyone that does not comply with the face covering requirement may be asked to leave the facility.

**Should athletes, coaches or spectators self-monitor prior to attending and in-person event?**

Athletes and coaches must monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 listed by the CDC for 7 days prior to and each day of competition. Anyone, including spectators, that feels sick or living with a house member who is currently sick, feels sick, or shows any symptoms of COVID-19 listed by the CDC, including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, has been diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, or has been around someone who has been diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, currently or within the last 10 days, must stay home.

**What if my state or local government requires masks to be worn at the time of the competition?**

The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, employees, families and friends remains our top priority. We are diligently monitoring official information from health authorities and local governments as it pertains to potentially hosting our live competitions. We will follow the guidance set forth by the state, local or venue regulations. Should your team need to or choose to wear masks, they will absolutely be allowed for any team during any performance.

**What if my state or local government does not allow stunting during the competition or in the weeks leading up to the competition?**

If your team is not allowed to stunt, you can choose to compete in a Non-Building division. If your team plans to perform a routine with stunts, but then encounters an issue (like an infected athlete), you will be allowed to switch divisions to a Non-Building division at any time, without penalty. Be sure to check out more information about scoring Non-Building teams [here](#).

**What cleaning protocol will be used for mats at live events?**

Mats will be cleaned and sanitized with a cleaner on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of disinfectants for use against SARS- CoV-2. Mats will be cleaned by accepted methods at the beginning of each day, as is reasonably necessary or as otherwise directed by the CDC.

**Will spectators or teams have temperature checks performed?**

Athletes and coaches will monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 as listed by the CDC, including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, and check their own temperature each morning, both 7 days prior to attending competition and every morning before



attending competition. If the person displays any COVID-19 symptoms or a temperature of over 100° Fahrenheit, during the 7 days before competition or any morning of competition, they must remain home and report their symptoms and temperature to the appropriate competition contact. Temperature checks may be required based on local or venue guidance and that information will be shared on a case by case basis.

**Will we be required to turn in waiver forms for live competitions?**

Yes, all athletes will need to complete a waiver form one week prior to the start of the competition. Once a team is registered for an event, instructions will be sent to your team.

**QUICK LINKS REFERENCE**

Registration: <https://www.myvarsity.com/CompetitionSearch>

Rules and Regulations: <https://www.varsity.com/youth-rec/competitions/divisions-and-scoring/>

Divisions: [https://www.varsity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/VS\\_Youth.Rec\\_Scoring\\_Perf\\_Trad\\_Age\\_Grid\\_20.21.pdf](https://www.varsity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/VS_Youth.Rec_Scoring_Perf_Trad_Age_Grid_20.21.pdf)

Roster Verification: <https://www.varsity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Varsity-Rec-Roster-Verification.pdf>

Medical Release: [https://www.varsity.com/uca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/1920\\_uca\\_competition\\_releasewaiver.pdf](https://www.varsity.com/uca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/1920_uca_competition_releasewaiver.pdf)

The Quest: <https://www.varsity.com/youth-rec/competitions/the-quest/>

USA Cheer Membership: <https://usacheer.webpoint.us/wp/Memberships/Join.wp>

The U.S. Finals: <https://www.varsity.com/all-star/competitions/end-of-season-events/us-finals/>

Stay Smart: <https://varsitystaging.wpengine.com/home/stay-smart/>

Virtual Competition Series: <https://www.varsity.com/all-star/competitions/virtual-competition-series/#>